

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

April 6, 1998

LB 1193

a...I believe it was a \$280,000 claim against the state of Nebraska because the state was liable for a grain warehouse that, at least the farmers were led to believe was a grain warehouse, in fact was not a grain warehouse regulated by the Public Service Commission but a facility that operated for the storage of seed. And I noticed in your...in your language in your amendment that you...I'm curious as to...it appears that you're expanding the definition of what is, in fact, a public grain warehouse and would this, in fact, increase the liability of the state of Nebraska, who has regulatory authority over these grain warehouses?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Abboud, I don't know if it would increase the liability or not, but, going back to your previous comment about smelly and dusty and noise...

SENATOR ABOUD: Excuse me, Senator Hudkins, this is my time.

SENATOR HUDKINS: All right.

SENATOR ABOUD: We're talking about a separate issue here dealing with liability of the state. If you don't have an answer for it or you're not aware...

SENATOR HUDKINS: I'm not aware.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...of the issue then...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...then that's...that's fine too. You're not aware?

SENATOR HUDKINS: I'm not aware.

SENATOR ABOUD: Would there be any... Senator Dierks, could you...could you discuss the issue of liability? Is there anyone on the floor, Senator Hudkins, that could address the issue of liability that you're...

SENATOR HUDKINS: Hopefully if there is someone on the floor that's aware they could raise their hand and make themselves